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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRG BONN GROUP REP HAS PROPOSED A
STATEMENT FOR USE IN BRIEFING THE PRESS AT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE DECEMBER 12 QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING.
THE GERMANS ARE NOT PROPOSING ISSUANCE OF A JOINT
STATEMENT AFTER THAT MEETING BUT ARE PRIMARILY
INTERESTED IN AN AGREED LINE FOR USE WITH GERMAN
JOURNALISTS, WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ASK WHETHER THE
MINISTERS DISCUSSED SUCH POINTS AS BERLIN AND DIRECT
ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE
SIGNIFICANCE FOR BERLIN OF THE OCTOBER 7 SOVIET-GDR
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TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. AT NOVEMBER 25 BONN GROUP MEETING, US AND FRG REPS REPORTED APPROVAL OF BONN GROUP DRAFT AGENDA AND ANNOTATED TEXT (REFTELS B, C AND D). BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FRG REP (LUECKING) RETURNED TO THE SUGGESTION HE HAD MADE ON NOVEMBER 7 THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO WHAT SHOULD BE SAID TO THE PRESS AFTER THE QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING (REF E). HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO GIVE SOME KIND OF BRIEFING AND HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE ON GENERAL GUIDELINES.

3. LUECKING THEN DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT STATEMENT:

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AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF GERMANY AND BERLIN IN THE NATO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL CERTAIN QUESTIONS WHICH ARE OF CURRENT IMPORTANCE TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE FRG. THEY HAD A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF IDEAS CONCERNING INTER ALIA THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE CONTINUED.

THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE SITUATION IN GERMANY OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE SOVIET UNION OF OCTOBER 7, 1975. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FRG EMPHASIZED IN THIS CONNECTION THE DETERMINATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN (WEST) ABROAD ALSO VIS-A-VIS THE SOCIALIST STATES. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE THREE POWERS REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE FRG TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN (WEST) ABROAD. THEY CONSIDER THIS RIGHT TO BE A NON-NEGOTIABLE (UNVERZICHTBAR) ELEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSURANCE OF THE VIABILITY OF THE CITY. END TEXT.

4. IN COMMENTING ON THE DRAFT, LUECKING SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REFER TO THE QUESTION OF ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, ALTHOUGH THE WORDING MIGHT HAVE TO BE CHANGED DEPENDING ON THE STATE OF CONSULTATIONS. AS FOR THE REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET-GDR TREATY, LUECKING EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS WHEN

HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG THAT THE ALLIES
MAKE A MORE PRECISE STATEMENT ABOUT THE RIGHT OF THE
FRG TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN ABROAD.

5. US REP SAID HE HAD HAD NO REACTION TO THE IDEA OF A
PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE QUAD MEETING BUT WOULD
REPORT THE FRG PROPOSAL. HE ASKED AS A PRELIMINARY
REACTION WHETHER THE FRG DID NOT CONSIDER THE

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LANGUAGE ON REPRESENTATION OVERLY DEFENSIVE. LUECKING
RESPONDED THAT THE FRG CONSIDERS THAT ARTICLE VII OF THE
SOVIET-GDR TREATY PUTS THE RIGHTS OF THE FRG IN THIS
REGARD DIRECTLY INTO QUESTION.

6. UK REP (HITCH) SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT

BRITISH JOURNALISTS WOULD ASK QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER AND THEREFORE DOUBTED THAT THE BRITISH PRESS SPOKESMAN WOULD USE THIS LINE. HE THOUGHT LONDON WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE FRG MAKING SUCH A STATEMENT.

7. LUECKING STATED THAT HE WAS NOT PROPOSING THAT THIS BE ISSUED AS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AS WAS DONE IN PARIS IN MAY 1975. RATHER, HIS STATEMENT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE PRIMARILY FOR THE GERMAN PRESS SPOKESMAN IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS FRG
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JOURNALISTS ARE BOUND TO ASK AFTER THE QUAD MEETING.

8. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MATTER OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR STATEMENT TO THE PRESS. PARIS WOULD AGREE ONLY TO A JOINT STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FOUR MINISTERS HAD HELD THEIR USUAL BIENNIAL MEETING IN BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE CONTENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS. BOISSIEU THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IF THE GERMANS WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO THE PRESS ALONG THE LINES LUECKING HAD PROPOSED.

9. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF LUECKING'S EXPLANATION AND THE BRITISH AND FRENCH STATEMENTS, US REP INTERPOSED NO FURTHER OBJECTIONS. WE PROPOSE TO LEAVE THE MATTER WHERE IT IS UNLESS DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO REOPEN THE SUBJECT.
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